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SUBJECT: DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY CONSOLIDATED AUDIT
PROGRAM (DOECAP) IMPLEMENTATION -
REDUNDANT AUDITS

The Department of Energy's Consolidated Audit Program (DOECAP) was founded to specifically address and eliminate multiple audits by providing a program that is cost-effective, efficient, and technically creditable. Today, approximately thirty-three (33) consolidated audits of analytical laboratories, and seven (7) consolidated audits of commercial radioactive waste treatment, storage, and disposal facilities (TSDF) occur through DOECAP on an annual basis.

The General Accounting Office and the Office of the Inspector General concluded that the Department was conducting multiple annual audits of analytical laboratories and TSDF in 1996. Multiple or redundant audits are not cost effective and do not provide consistent results. We have been informed recently that redundant audits are being conducted by departmental contractor field organizations of commercial laboratories and TSDF.

To ensure that the program continues to meet the needs of the Department as it was designed to minimize costs, I am asking that you consider the following:

- Utilize DOECAP for your audits of commercial laboratories and TSDF,
- Identify Federal/contractor field DOECAP points-of-contact, and
- Provide qualified auditor candidates for DOECAP participation.

Please provide your input to George E. Detsis (George.Detsis@eh.doe.gov) of my staff by the close of business April 30 regarding analytical services participation in DOECAP.

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